

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 7, 13 and 20 being in independent form.

#### **I. Rejection of Claims 1-22, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claims 1-22, 24 and 25 under U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,705,527 by Kelly et al., issued on March 16, 2004 ("Kelly et al."). Kelly et al. describes a universal interface driver application specific integrated circuit for a data reading device which supports multiple host interface configurations through the use of shared communications lines.

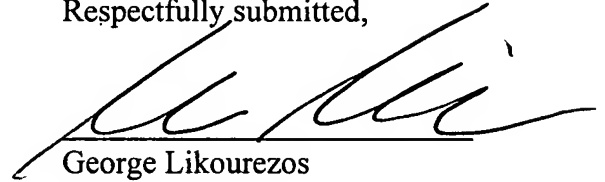
Attached is an affidavit under CFR 37 1.131 and Exhibits C - UU in which the inventors, including newly added inventors, Peter Musteric and Robert W. DiGiovanna, declare that they contributed as specified in the affidavit to attached Exhibits C- UU which illustrate a multi-interface controller having the elements claimed by Applicants' Claim 1, 7, 13 and 20. Exhibits C - UU are in addition to previously submitted Exhibits A and B, dated December 3, 1999 and December 8, 1999, respectively, which antedate the priority date of Kelly et al., which was filed on June 1, 2001 and claims a priority date of June 1, 2000. Exhibits C -UU are associated with dates ranging from August 31, 2000 to December 4, 2002, establish a showing of due diligence from the date of previously submitted Exhibits A and B to the date of filing on August 28, 2003. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) with respect to Claims 1-22, 24 and 25 and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

## **II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-22, 24 and 25, are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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